

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that, when drying the molded articles, a heated  
and, if necessary, oxygen-reduced or oxygen-free gas stream is  
passed over the molded articles.

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4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the molded articles are dried to an overall  
water content of  $\leq 1\%$  by wt.

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5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the molded articles are dried at  
temperatures of 40 to 170 °C, in particular 60 to 150 °C.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the molded articles are dried at below  
their self-ignition temperature.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the molded articles are dried within 0.2 to  
12 hours, in particular within 0.5 to 6 hours.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the carbon-bearing material is wood  
charcoal, wood charcoal from old timber, peat coal, fruit pits,  
nut shells, coal coke and/or lignitic coke.

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9. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the carbon-bearing material used is  
carbonized via natural and/or synthetic thermal treatment of one  
or more carbon-bearing vegetable products.

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11. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that one or more aggregates are added to the  
carbon-bearing material and/or the binding agent.

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13. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that 100 %by wt. of the carbon-bearing material  
is milled to a grain size of < 60 µm.

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15. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the water-containing binding agent is a  
binding agent with 10 to 50 %by wt., in particular 15 to 25 %by  
wt., water.

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16. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that molasses is used as the water-containing  
binding agent.

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17. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that coal tar, wood charcoal tar, bitumen and/or

an inorganic gel is used as any non-water-containing binding agent that might be present.

18. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that 10 to 60 %by wt. binding agent, in particular 25 to 40 %by wt., are used relative to the mixture consisting of carbon-bearing material and binding agent.

19. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the steps of mixing and shaping are carried out in one or two separate apparatuses.

20. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the dried molded articles are carbonized at temperatures of 400 to 750 °C, in particular at 500 to 650 °C.

21. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the dried molded articles are carbonized in a three-zone torque tube.

22. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the dried and carbonized molded articles are activated at temperatures of 700 to 1000 °C, in particular at 800 to 950 °C.

23. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the dried and carbonized molded articles  
are activated with water vapor and/or carbon dioxide.

24. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the carbon-bearing materials are  
homogeneously mixed before, during or after milling, and that  
this mixture of solids is subsequently homogeneously mixed with  
the water-containing binding agent or the mixture of several  
binding agents, of which at least one contains water.

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25. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the binding agents, of which at least one  
contains water, are first homogeneously mixed with each other,  
and that this binding agent mixture is subsequently homogeneously  
mixed with the carbon-bearing material or the mixture of several  
carbon-bearing materials.

26. (Amended) The method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that at least one already milled carbon-bearing  
material is used.

27. (Amended) A shaped, activated charcoal produced with a  
method according to claim 1.